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1. Prior to early October 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 1844 was located in the former Flak Kaserne in Kochstedt. The 4th Kommando of the VPD totaled 240 officers and policemen.
2. The VPD was equipped with 1 T-34 tank, 1 old armored reconnaissance car, 1 x 122-mm howitzer, 1 x 76.2-mm gun, and 1 German 75-mm AT gun. Weapons, which were to be issued only in the case of mobilization, were stored in a sealed and guarded shed opposite the motor vehicle repair shop in the eastern section of the barracks installation.
3. Officers of the unit included: VP Kommandeur Ernst (fnu), commanding officer, an ex-officer, who formerly was in Muehlhausen; VP Kommandeur Burkhardt (fnu), deputy commanding officer and PK officer who allegedly served with the HVA before; VP Oberrat Gaertner (fnu), artillery advisor with the 4th Kommando, member of the National Committee Free Germany and graduate from a military academy in the U.S.S.R. and VP Rat Kratzenberg (fnu), commanding officer of 4th Kommando.
4. The summer camp of the VPD was located in the Moehlau-Zscharnowitz area near Bitterfeld. The training of the unit there included a tactical march of the whole VPD in accordance with former German tactical doctrines. The personnel of the VP school for higher tactical officers, also in Kochstedt, allegedly received tank training together with Soviet units at the Dessau-Alten troop training grounds west of the airfield.

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